

Ried Named New Dean of SWOSU College of Pharmacy

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Dr. L. Douglas Ried has been named dean of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy in Weatherford.

Ried is currently a professor and associate dean for curricular affairs and assessment in the College of Pharmacy at the University of Florida. Ried will replace Dr. James Scruggs who has been serving as interim dean following the January retirement of Dr. David Bergman, who served as dean of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy for 20 years.

Ried also currently serves as the president of the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science and is a fellow of the American Pharmacists Association. He has been the recipient of numerous research grants and has over 60 peer-reviewed publications. He is also an associate editor of the Journal of the American Pharmacists Association.

His research interests lie in the area of medications' effects on patients' quality of life and psychosocial aspects of psychotropic drug use, with current investigations into the link between antihypertensive medications and depressive symptoms, the role of antidepressants in post-stroke recovery, and the association between second-generation antipsychotics and metabolic dysfunction.

Ried earned a Bachelor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Washington and Master of Pharmacy and Doctor of Philosophy in Social and Administrative Pharmacy degrees from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

He has been a staff pharmacist, owned his own pharmacy, and was on the faculty at the University of Washington prior to accepting his current faculty position at the University of Florida.

"We are extremely pleased and fortunate to have a person with Dr. Ried's experiences and reputation at the reins of our College of Pharmacy," said SWOSU Provost Blake Sonobe. "We are confident that he will lead this program to new heights academically and professionally."

Ried will start at SWOSU on July 1, 2009.